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For : MULTI-BEAM LIGHT SOURCE SCANNING DEVICE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication 02/058,015 to CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA, filed August 24, 1988, entitled "Light Scanning Apparatus", and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,181,137 to KOIDE, issued January 19, 1993.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above materials. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form to confirm consideration of these documents and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/598,442 to HAMA et al., filed June 22, 2000, and entitled "Multi-Beam Scanning Optical System";

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/619,692 to HAMA et al., filed July 19, 2000, and entitled "Multi-Beam Scanning Device";

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/699,359 to HAMA et al., filed October 31, 2000, and entitled "Multi-Beam Scanning Optical System"; and

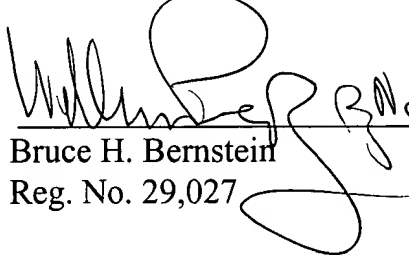
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/699,357 to HAMA et al., filed October 31, 2000, and entitled "Multi-Beam Scanning Optical System".

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(iii), copies of the above noted patent applications, as filed, are attached hereto.

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If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned  
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